## **Professional Review Committee Meeting**

### **South Carolina Department of Education**

## Friday, September 11, 2015

Committee Members Present: Susan Henderson, Lienne Medford, Colette Reamer, John Lane, Pam Wash

Committee Members Absent: Amy McAllister, Mona Thornton, and Reggie Wicker

Conference Call Attendees: Chris Burkett, Holly Ann Pae, Danny Varat

South Carolina Department of Education Staff Present: Rachel Harvey, and Mary Hipp

**Visitors/Invited Guests:** Troy Terry (Furman University), Brooks Kuykendall and Keith Timms (Erskine College), George Metz (Charleston Southern University)

#### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

# **Presiding Chair-Elect.**

- **I. Welcome:** Mary Hipp, Director of Educator Services, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was then turned to Lienne Medford serving as chair-elect. Holly Ann Pae, current chair, participated by phone.
- **II. Approval of Previous Minutes:** The minutes from June 12, 2015 were approved without any corrections are additions. Susan Henderson moved for approval of the minutes from June, 2015. Pam Wash seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- **III. New Certification Authority Proposals:** There was three new program proposals recommended for approval. The new program proposal will be presented to the EPC for approval on October 14, 2015.
  - a. Charleston Southern University (CSU): B.S. in Middle Level Education: George Metz from CSU expressed his eagerness for program approval but respected the rigor of the program approval process. The program proposal was received by the South Carolina Department of Education in February 2015. After initial review the proposal was revised and reviewed a second time. The proposal was recommended for approval after the second review. Chris Burkett moved to approve the new program proposal. Lienne Medford seconded the motion. The program proposal was unanimously recommended for approval.

## b. Erskine College: B.S. in Music Education:

Keith Timms spoke on behalf of the new program proposal at Erskine College. He mentioned the excitement in reviving and recreating the music education program at Erskine College. The program proposal was received by the South Carolina Department of Education in February 2015. After initial review the proposal was revised and reviewed a second time. The proposal was recommended for approval after the second review. Pam Wash moved to approve the new program proposal. Lienne Medford seconded the motion. The program proposal was unanimously recommended for approval.

# c. Furman University: Ed.S. in School Leadership:

Troy Terry spoke of behalf of the new program proposal at Furman University. After an external review highlighted a misalignment of the current program proposal with ELCC standards, Troy Terry discussed (and provided material prior to the meeting) how the program is currently aligned with ELCC standards. Lienne Medford did address the concern with misalignment with state standards. Rachel Harvey indicated that Furman University's education unit received state-approval in the spring of 2015 and therefore there was little concern that the current program proposal was not in alignment with state standards. Lienne Medford moved to approve the new program proposal. John Lane seconded the motion. The program proposal was unanimously recommended for approval.

### IV. For Information Item

- a. Committee Member Resignations: Three PRC members resigned their position on the committee; therefore, a call was made to appoint new members for the vacant seats:
  - i. PK-12 Teacher
  - ii. District Administrator
  - iii. SCDE Representative

## V. Discussion Items:

- **a. Revised meeting dates:** At the June meeting it was decided the group would be four times per year. Per the request of the State Board of Education, the PRC was asked to meet every other month. All members agreed to this new meeting schedule. Meeting dates were moved to: 11/6/2015; 1/8/2016; 3/4/2016; and 5/6/2016.
- b. **Next steps for PRC:** At the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting committee members will be tasked with providing revision recommendations to the EPP Policies and Procedures document. Materials to prepare for the meeting will be sent in October committee agreed on the meeting schedule. The next meeting, September 11<sup>th</sup>, may be changed due to a conflict with the CERRA board meeting.
- **VI. Good of the Order:** All committee members, SCDE staff, and visitors were thanked for their attendance and participation.

Meeting adjourned at 10: 45 am.